

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated February 6, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicant is grateful for the indication that claims 1-21 are allowed. Claims 22-23 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the subject application pass to issue.

Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration.

Claim 23 was rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 101 allegedly because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,728,270 to Meggers et al. (“Meggers”).

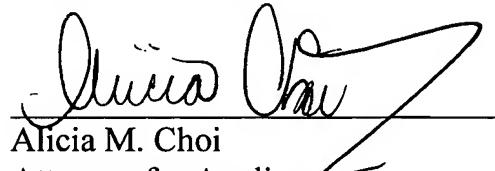
Because claims 22-23 have been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to these claims are rendered moot.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant’s undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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